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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, AF

INFO: Chief, CA Prop  
Chief, FR Division

SUBJECT: African Progress Magazine

REFERENCE: DIR 338158 (Out 15 November 1972)

Attached is a letter from Mr. Linus A. Bassey of African Progress Magazine, a copy of the magazine and my proposed response to Mr. Bassey.

The magazine appears to be an effort based in the United States (see page 4). I do not find any Tony Sampson listed as a staff member. Four U. S. Congressmen are listed on the Magazine's Board of Advisors.

I showed the magazine to Robert M. Freeman, Jr., yesterday. He is a friend of the Agency, prominent in the black community in Washington, a former associate director of the Peace Corps, and well-known for his work in the insurance business in Africa. He said he had never heard of the magazine or of the organization which issues it. He thought that the appearance of the Congressmen on the Board of Advisors, to say nothing of all the African dignitaries, was strictly a pro-forma or ceremonial operation by the gentlemen involved. He did not recognize any names of the staff members either.

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